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Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: **MB Docket No. 10-238**

Dear Sirs:

Living in Durango, we get New Mexico television stations, with very limited local Colorado news from Denver stations on Bresnan cable outside of the daytime and prime time blackout period. There are no Denver stations available on satellite TV,

I would like to have greater coverage out of Denver to be more knowledgeable about what is happening with Colorado government and be better informed about Colorado political candidates. Regrettably I know more about New Mexico government and candidates than I do about Colorado's. It was difficult voting in the last election because of this.

MB Docket No. 10-238 mentions three alternatives on page 5. I favor the first and third alternatives. I believe the first alternative – DMAs based on the 50 states – would work well for Colorado, which has one major city. However I can see issues where a state has more than one major metropolitan area. Thus the option of maintaining 210 DMAs, but modifying them so they do not cross state lines, may be the most attractive.

The existing DMA areas made sense with the more limited transmission options that existed when they were put in place. But technology has given more options for transmitting signals and programs, removing the geographic limitations that once existed. Recognizing this, it is time that all citizens of a state should be given access to television coverage of what is happening in their state.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment.

Sincerely yours,

Richard A. Reitz